

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL  
March 9, 2020**

**A regular meeting of the La Salle City Council of La Salle, Illinois was held Monday, March 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Jeff Grove presiding with proper notice being duly and continuously posted.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present-** Aldermen Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

**Absent:** Alderman Ptak, Alderman Herndon

A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file the minutes of the February 24, 2020 Regular City Council meeting. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**PROCLAMATION**

Clerk Brown read the Proclamation aloud.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to proclaim Thursday, April 2, 2020 as Junior Achievement Day in La Salle. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**PETITIONS**

Moved by Alderman Crane and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to grant the request from Ameren Illinois to break ground at 390 N. 2969th Road to install gas service. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to deny the request for a monetary donation to the North Central Behavioral System's 35th Annual Teen Showcase 2020 being held on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at Illinois Valley Community College Cultural Center to remain consistent with current donation practices. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak, Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 6-0**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to deny the request for a monetary donation to the Illinois Valley Brain Injury Clubhouse to remain consistent with current donation practices.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak, Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 6-0**

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request from Lisa Donnell on behalf of Girl Scout Troop 1668 to sell cookies at Illinois Valley Food and Deli on March 14 or 15, 2020. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak, Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 6-0**

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to grant the request from Justin Duckmanton to break curb for a driveway at 936 10th Street. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak, Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 6-0**

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Bacidore to grant the request from Mike Bergagna on behalf of B Brothers Real Estate, LLC to break curb for driveway at 905-11th Street. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to grant the request from Martin Cingle manager of Lil' M.A.D. Café Gourmet Shop and for a Lease of Municipal Property to place two or three outdoor tables and chairs in City right-of-way for premises located at 728 First Street. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak, Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 6-0**

Moved by Alderman Crane and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to grant the request from Amado Sanchez owner of Sanchez Tune Ups and Brakes for a Sign Permit to install a 4' x 2.5' single-face, non-illuminated banner at 2358 St. Vincent Avenue. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak, Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 6-0**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to refer the request of Bryan Law of Power Home Solar, LLC on behalf of Spencer Szuda for a Special Use Permit to install a 4.20 kW roof-mounted solar installation at 1202 Tonti Street, La Salle, Illinois to the Planning Commission. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

#### **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file the Treasurer's Report for February 2020 showing total cash balances in the La Salle State Bank of \$7,546,167.98 and in Hometown National Bank of \$3,850,988.36. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Alderman Bacidore stated that he noticed Mr. Martinez has not come back to the city to re-petition for the cannabis dispensary. He said that the council did not approve his original petition due to lack of a plan. Alderman Bacidore continued by saying that the developers of the Kaskaskia have come in with plan after plan including building and financial plans, valet parking to the point of asking what kind of pillow was preferred. Alderman Bacidore made the point that just because the developers of the Kaskaskia presented plans, it has not necessarily worked out for the City. Alderman Bacidore suggested we slack off a little in order to get a dispensary. Mayor Grove responded by saying that Mr. Martinez may be waiting to hear if he receives licensure from the state before coming back with a new petition. Alderman Bacidore wondered asked if he would come here or go to Peru if he received the license. Mayor Grove replied that he could not speak for Mr. Martinez. In addition, Mayor Grove added that the council members are the stewards of taxpayer money and it is the council's job to ensure things are done the right way. Alderman Bacidore stated that anyone can come with a plan, but that does not mean it is going to work. Mayor Grove pointed to the St. Hyacinth's development as an example. The developers had a plan, showed their financials and have been successful. Alderman Bacidore stated that the new flower shop in La Salle and the grooming store did not come to the City with a plan. It was clarified for Alderman Bacidore that those types of businesses do not require a Special Use Permit unlike a cannabis establishment. Mayor Grove reiterated that each Alderman has the right to vote as they see fit. He said the council is not always right, but tries to do the best they can.

Mayor Grove recognized local sports teams (swimming, wrestling, basketball) and offered his congratulations to the players and schools.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request to hire one candidate for the position of Patrolman from the Patrolman Eligibility list per the recommendation of the Police and Fire Commissioners for the City of La Salle.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak, Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 6-0**

Mayor Grove announced that the annual St. Patrick's Day parade will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 1 p.m. He thanked everyone who helps make the day a success including the Police and Fire Departments, Public Works and Parks Departments, the La Salle Business Association and the La Salle Promotion and Advisory Committee. He also thanked organizers Dan Burke and Cyle Dickens. Mayor Grove stated that many of the downtown businesses will offer specials that day.

Alderman Bacidore stated that he read in the newspaper that Peter Limberger bought an airline in Moline and asked if he came to the City with a plan would we allow him to land his plane on Second Street.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Bacidore to accept and place on file **Resolution 202001:** to petition IDOT for temporary closure of portions of State Highway for a Players' Parade on Sunday, April 26, 2020 with a rain date of May 3, 2020. Each and every alderman has a copy.

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Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file **Ordinance 2870:** An Ordinance regarding the Lease of Municipal Property with Lil' M.A.D. Café Gourmet Shop. (Martin Cingle) Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak, Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 6-0**

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### **COMMENTS**

Alderman Joe Jeppson mentioned that the La Salle Public Library will be sending out a community survey with the March water bill and asked all residents to complete the survey and return it to the library or City Hall. He stated that the purpose of the survey is to identify the services that are most utilized and to potentially expand and improve services to citizens.

Mayor Grove added that he also encourages citizens to complete the upcoming Census.

Mayor Grove encouraged residents to vote in the upcoming March 17, 2020 primary.

City Engineer Brian Brown stated that Consumer Confidence Report for last year's water is now available on-line and at City Hall. A copy will also go out in water bills.

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to accept, pay and place on file bills with Total Submitted totaling \$388,921.37 (Total Payroll \$172,550.21, Bills to be Paid \$41,726.96, Total Bills Paid \$124,644.20) Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Jeppson, Crane

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Ptak, Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 6-0**

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Crane to adjourn the meeting.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

**ADJOURNED 6:53 p.m.**



Carrie Brown, City Clerk